

The month of May is designated as Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month - the month in which the Nation honors the immensely rich and diverse histories, cultures, and above all, the collective APA contributions to the growth of this country.

APA Heritage Month was created in 1992, fifteen years after Congressmen Frank Horton and Norman Y. Mineta introduced the House Resolution calling for the establishment of Pacific/American Heritage Week. The final bill (H.R. 5572) was passed by the United States Congress and was signed into law by President George Bush. As a federal law, the month is observed throughout the country. Many federal departments and agencies host official observances during the month of May. Such occasions feature important speakers, cultural performances, traditional foods, and more. Across the nation, local Asian Pacific American organizations host their own events to celebrate the month.

Census 2000

Asian Pacific American population in percent:

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Maryland, overall:	4.5
Montgomery Co	11.3
Howard Co	7.7
Prince George's Co	3.9
Anne Arundel Co	2.3
Virginia, overall: Fairfax Co Fairfax City Arlington Co Falls Church City Alexandria City Loudoun Co	4.3 13.0 12.2 8.6 6.5 5.7 5.3
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